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Invention: APPARATUS FOR VARYING VESSEL HULL GEOMETRY AND VESSELS MADE THEREWITH

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	Art Unit	3617
	Examiner Name	Ajay Vasudeva
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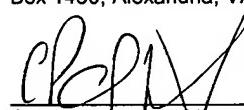
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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached Replacement Sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

This reply is attached, as a submission, to a Request for Continued Examination dated February 15, 2005.